

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETINGS RELATED TO THE WATER FUNDING TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED THROUGH LB 517

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provides notice that two public meetings of the Water Funding Task Force (established through passage of LB 517 in 2013) will be held on Thursday, August 8, and Friday August 9th, 2013.

On Thursday, August 8th, the Task Force will meet from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., Central Time, at the Black Powder Restaurant (1007 West US Highway 136) in Franklin, Nebraska. The meeting will include remarks from Senator Tom Carlson and Nebraska Environmental Trust's Mark Brohman, and a presentation from Merle Illian of Twin Valley Weed Management Coordinator about the progression of river work on the Republican River. Public Comments will be taken at the end of the meeting.

On Friday, August 9th, the Task Force will meet from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. Central Time at the Super 8 (5th and Broadway) in Holdrege, NE. The meeting will include remarks from Mike Onnen, General Manager of the Little Blue Natural Resources District, Jasper Fanning of the Upper Republican Natural Resources District, Marty Stange of Hastings Utilities and Frank Kwapnioski of H₂Options. The Natural Resources District Managers will discuss water issues facing the Blue River and Republican River Basins. Mr. Stange will address public water supply and water quality issues in the Hastings Area. Mr. Kwapnioski will present the results of a water balance study completed for the Republican River Basin. Public Comments will be taken at the meeting.

An agenda for the meetings will be available beginning August 6, 2013 in the office of the Department during normal business hours and on the Department's website at www.dnr.ne.gov/lb517.

Based on Task Force approval, future public meetings of the Task Force will be noticed on the Department's website at www.dnr.ne.gov/lb517.

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting Karen Griffin at least 72 hours in advance at Olsson Associates, 1111 Lincoln Mall, Suite 111, Lincoln, NE 68508, telephone 402-458-5033 or email kgriffin@olssonassociates.com.